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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 10056

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EAIR HK US VS

SUBJ: CIVAIR -- AIR VIETNAM 707 IN HONG KONG

REF: HONG KONG 9908, STATE 204375

1. IN TELEPHONE CONTACT FROM HONOLULU WITH CONGEN OFFICER PANAM MANAGING DIRECTOR COWDEN SAID THAT PANAM HAD STILL NOT BEEN ISSUED AN FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER FOR THE FORMER AIR VIETNAM 707 AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT FLY THE AIRCRAFT OUT OF HONG KONG EVEN IF DECISION WERE MADE TO DO SO. AT THE SAME TIME COWDEN SAID THAT PANAM WAS STILL EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF SALE OF AIRCRAFT IN HONG KONG TO THE PRG THROUGH A THIRD PARTY. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD BE THE BEST WAY FOR PANAM TO GET MOST OF ITS MONEY BACK. HE ADDED THAT HIS HONG KONG OFFICE HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE PRG REPRESENTATIVES WERE WAITING HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG AND WERE ANXIOUS TO TALK TO HIM, PRESUMABLY ABOUT A TRANSACTION THROUGH A THIRD PARTY.

2. CONGEN OFFICER TOLD COWDEN THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY TO FIND OUT HOW FAC REGULATIONS WOULD APPLY TO A SALE OF THE TYPE CONTEMPLATED.

3. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT COWDEN DOES NOT HAVE MUCH  
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HOPE FOR AN ACTUAL SALE IN HONG KONG, BUT FEELS THAT HE

MUST GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS. CERTAINLY THE HKG WOULD  
LIKE TO RID THEMSELVES OF THE AIRCRAFT.

4. COWDEN WILL DELAY HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG FROM HAWAII  
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE CAN GET SOME READING FROM WASHINGTON  
AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SALE IN HONG KONG. HE IS ALSO  
MOST ANXIOUS TO GET A US REGISTRATION NUMBER SO THAT HE  
CAN USE THE ALTERNATIVE OF FLYING THE AIRCRAFT OUT IF THAT  
PROVES ADVISABLE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RESPONSE ON THESE  
POINTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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